



The Colorado Health Foundation™


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Presentation to House Health, Insurance and Environment Committee

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Who are we?

The Colorado Health Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a vision that ***Colorado will become the healthiest state in the nation.***

Committed to three Community Outcomes:

- All Coloradans have access to the key components of ***Healthy Living*** – healthy food, physical activity and chronic disease management tools
- All Coloradans have ***Health Coverage***
- All Coloradans receive quality, coordinated ***Health Care***

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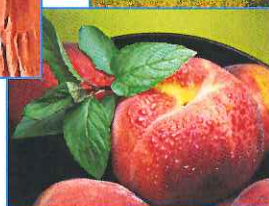
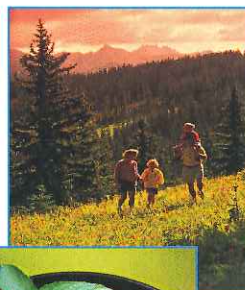
Who are our key partners?

- Health nonprofits including community health centers and clinics
- Policymakers
- State health agencies and public health departments
- Doctors, nurses and health care providers
- School boards and schools
- Business and civic leaders
- Businesses
- Medical and nursing schools
- Health care advocates
- Hospitals and insurers



The Colorado Paradox

Perception: *Colorado is the healthiest state in the nation!*

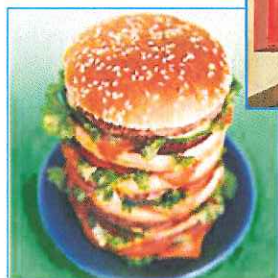


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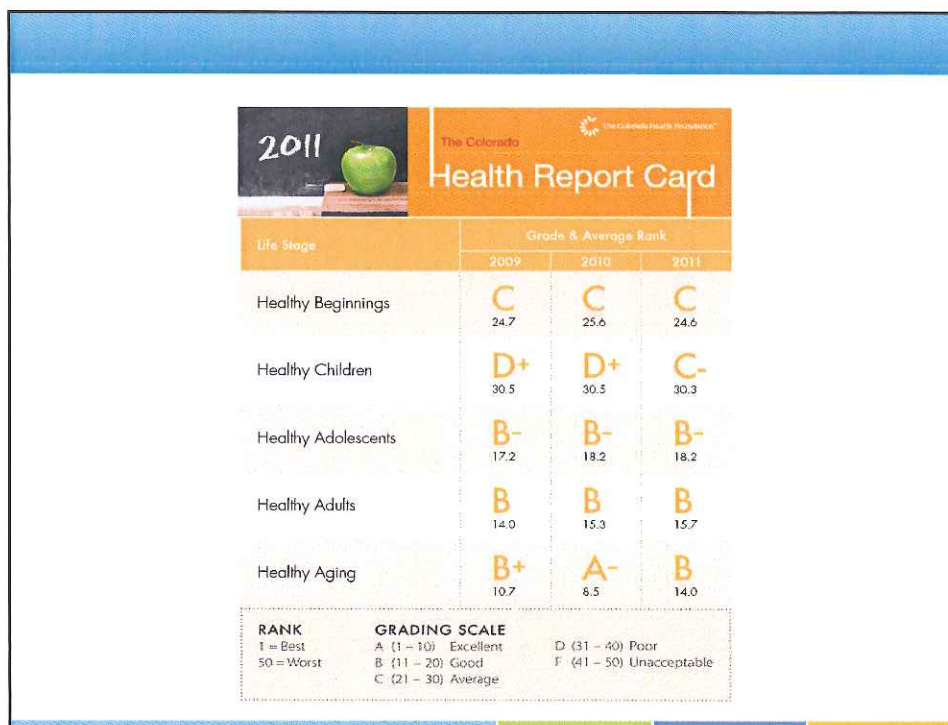




The Colorado Paradox (continued)

Reality: *It's not all good news*



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Healthy Living

Need:

- More than a quarter of Colorado's children are overweight or obese
- 22 percent of Colorado's children live in food insecure households

Strategies:

- Promote healthy communities through culture change
- Create healthy schools





Healthy Living Key Investments

Example Grants:

- **LiveWell Colorado** – help communities across Colorado develop and implement comprehensive healthy eating and active living programs, including improving school meals across Colorado
- **Denver's Great Kids Head Start** – support the socio-emotional development needs of Head Start participants
- **Mapleton Public Schools** – construct active play spaces at an early learning center and a K-8 school

Initiatives:

- **Colorado Fresh Food Financing Fund** – a public-private partnership loan and grant fund to finance grocery stores and other forms of healthy food retail in underserved communities throughout Colorado.
- **Healthy Places** – a five-year initiative to inspire and support three Colorado communities to become healthier places to live, work and play.



Healthy Living Policy Advances

Recent Advances:

- **SB08-129** Sponsored by Sens. Dan Gibbs, D-Summit County and Sen. Betty Boyd, D-Lakewood; Rep. Jim Riesberg, D-Greeley. Empowered State Board of Education to establish nutrition standards for beverages sold in schools
- **HB 11-1069** Sponsored by Reps. Tom Massey, R-Poncha Springs and Rhonda Fields, D-Aurora; Sen. Irene Aguilar, D-Denver. Ensures that all public elementary school students will have the opportunity to be physically active for at least 30 minutes per day

Upcoming Opportunities:

- **HB13-1006** Breakfast After the Bell School Nutrition Program will provide a healthy breakfast to an additional 84,623 Colorado children



Health Coverage

Need:

- 15 percent of Coloradans are uninsured
- Colorado ranks 42nd out of 50 states when it comes to insuring kids
- Since 2000, the average annual cost for a family of four's health care premiums in Colorado has doubled to \$13,393 dollars a year

Strategies:

- Optimize coverage available through Medicaid, CHP+ and other public programs
- Make adequate and affordable coverage available to Coloradans not eligible for public programs



Health Coverage Key Investments

Grants:

- **All Kids Covered** – coalition to promote the goal of having all Colorado children covered with private or public health insurance.
- **Novela Project** – a Spanish-language novela (soap opera) that educates Spanish-speaking Coloradans on obtaining health insurance and health care services.
- **Total Long Term Care** – support capital and program expenses for the Program of All Inclusive Care (PACE) for older adults in Pueblo, Colorado
- **Health Policy Solutions** – support a health policy e-newsletter, website and blog

Initiatives:

- **School-Based Health Centers** – supported the planning and implementation of more than 20 new school-based health programs.
- **Long-term Services and Supports** – pending Board approval, launch special funding opportunity to support innovative approaches to improving Colorado's LTSS system.



Health Coverage Policy Advances

Recent Advances:

- HB 12-1281 Sponsored by Reps. Dave Young, D-Greeley, and Cheri Gerou, R-Evergreen; Sens. Pat Steadman, D-Denver and Ellen Roberts, R-Durango. Authorizes the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to accept applications for Medicaid payment reform pilot projects
- SB 11-200 Sponsored by Sen. Betty Boyd, D-Lakewood and Rep. Amy Stephens, R-Manitou Springs. Establishes health insurance exchanges (marketplaces for purchasing health insurance), by Jan. 1, 2014

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Medicaid eligibility expansion up to 133%FPL and efforts to contain health care costs

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Health Care

Need

- Nearly 19 percent of Coloradans live in a Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area
- Colorado's population is aging. By 2030, those 65+ and older will be 23 percent of the population. 70 percent of people 65+ will need long-term services and supports

Strategies

- Improve the delivery system
- Train and recruit health care professionals to deliver quality integrated primary care
- Accelerate the adoption of health information technology (HIT)





Health Care Key Investments

Grants:

- **CORHIO** – created a state health information exchange
- **Colorado Health Service Corps** – provide loan repayment to at least 48 health professionals serving underserved Coloradans
- **CIVHC** – provide a statewide framework for improving the delivery system and reducing health care costs
- **Advancing Care Together** – support clinics in integrating physical and mental health services and identify policy and operational solutions for sustainability

Initiatives:

- **Strengthening the Safety Net** – support community clinics with integration and coordination of physical, mental and oral health services within primary care and across health care settings
- **Healthy Connections** – initiative to help 40+ clinics plan and implement health information technology

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Health Care Policy Advances

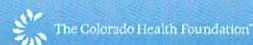
Recent Advances:

- **HB 12-1052** – Sponsored by Rep. Ken Summers, R-Lakewood and Sen. Betty Boyd, D-Lakewood. Will help us better understand the health professional workforce needs in Colorado by improving the quality of data collected by the Department of Regulatory Agencies

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Governor's budget proposals supporting mental health and oral health services for Medicaid clients

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Upcoming Events and Resources

- **Economic Impacts of Medicaid Expansion**
- **Colorado Health Report Card:**
March 21, 2013
- **2013 Colorado Health Symposium:**
August 7-9, 2013, Keystone, CO

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